

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CARR, MX  
SUBJECT: REQUEST BY AMERICAN PRISONERS TO TELEPHONE  
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: MEXICO 14108

1. ON AUGUST 23 EMBASSY RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM PRISON  
SPOKESMAN FOR PRISONERS AT SANTA MARTA RELAYING THE TWO  
QUESTIONS THEY WISH TO ASK PRESIDENT CARTER DURING  
PROPOSED PHONE CONVERSATION WITH HIM.

2. QUESTIONS FOLLOW:

(A) QUOTE WE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE  
PRISONER EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TO BE A FAIR AND JUST SOLUTION  
TO OUR PROBLEM. HOWEVER, YOU HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT YOU  
BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE "BEST" MEANS TO RECTIFY THESE  
CIRCUMSTANCES. WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO ARTICULATE  
YOUR PERSPECTIVE. END QUOTE

(B) QUOTE YOU ARE AWARE THE SENATE FAILED TO PUT TO THE  
FLOOR FOR A VOTE THE ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR THE TREATY  
TO EXCHANGE PRIOR TO THE PRESENT RECESS. WE HAVE BEEN  
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TOLD THAT THE SENATE WILL ACT ON THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY  
UPON ITS RETURN SEPTEMBER 5. BECAUSE OF THIS FAILURE TO  
ACT WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES  
MAY ARISE AND THAT THE LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE PASSED IN  
THE SENATE AND HOUSE IN ADVANCE OF THE ADJOURNMENT DATE OF  
OCTOBER 6. OUR QUESTION TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, IS WHAT  
STEPS WOULD YOU TAKE TO ASSURE OUR REPATRIATION IN THIS

CALENDAR YEAR SHOULD THE LEGISLATION NOT REACH FRUITION?

END QUOTE

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